



SEVERE WEATHER BULLETIN #16

FOR: TROPICAL STORM "PEPITO" (SAUDEL)

TROPICAL CYCLONE: WARNING

ISSUED AT 11:00 AM, 21 October 2020

(Valid for broadcast until the next bulletin to be issued at 5 PM today)

TROPICAL STORM "PEPITO" SLIGHTLY INTENSIFIES WHILE MOVING WESTWARD OVER THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA.

Track and intensity outlook:

- Track: "PEPITO" is forecast to move generally westward or west-northwestward over the West Philippine Sea today, before slowing down and turning northwestward tomorrow. It is forecast to exit the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) tomorrow morning or afternoon. On the forecast track, "PEPITO" will accelerate and turn westward beginning Friday towards the central portion of Vietnam.
- Intensity: "PEPITO" is forecast to gradually intensify over the West Philippine Sea and may reach severe tropical storm category tonight or tomorrow morning.

Hazards affecting land areas:

- Rainfall: Today, light to moderate with at times heavy rains will be experienced over Batanes, Babuyan Islands, Zambales, Bataan, Occidental Mindoro, and Palawan. Flooding (including flash floods) and rain-induced landslides may occur during heavy or prolonged rainfall especially in areas that are highly or very highly susceptible to these hazards. PAGASA Regional Services Divisions may issue local thunderstorm/rainfall advisories and heavy rainfall warnings as appropriate.
- Winds: Strong- to near gale-force winds will be experienced in areas under TCWS #1. High to gale-force winds due to the northeasterly surface wind flow will also be experienced over the rest of northern Luzon, especially in coastal and mountainous areas.

Hazards affecting coastal waters:

- Rough to very rough seas (2.5 to 5.5 m) will be experienced over the areas where TCWS and Gale Warning are in effect. In particular, such conditions are expected over the entire seaboard of Northern and Central Luzon, the seaboard of northern Quezon including Polillo Islands, and the western seaboard of Batangas, Occidental Mindoro (including Lubang Islands), and Palawan (including Calamian and Kalayaan Islands), Sea travel is risky over these areas, especially for those using small seacrafts.
- Moderate to rough seas (1.5 to 3.0 m) will prevail over the eastern seaboard of southern Quezon, Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas, Caraga, and Davao Region. Those with small seacrafts are advised to take precautionary measures when venturing out to sea. Inexperienced mariners should avoid navigating in these conditions.

Other disturbance being monitored:

- At 10:00 AM today, the Tropical Depression outside the PAR was estimated based on all available data at 1,895 km East Northeast of Extreme Northern Luzon (24.9°N, 139.8°E). It has maximum sustained winds of 55 km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 70 km/h. It is currently almost stationary. This disturbance remains unlikely to enter the PAR.

Location of eye/center	At 10:00 AM today, the center of Tropical Storm "PEPITO" was estimated based on all available data at 210 km West of Dagupan City, Pangasinan (16.3°N, 118.4°E) .	<p>Track of Tropical Storm "PEPITO" {SAUDEL}</p>
Strength	Maximum sustained winds of 85 km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 105 km/h .	
Movement	Moving Westward at 30 km/h .	
Forecast Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 Hour (Tomorrow morning): 385 km West of Sinit, Ilocos Sur (17.0°N, 116.8°E) 48 Hour (Friday morning): 455 km West of Sinit, Ilocos Sur (OUTSIDE PAR) (17.7°N, 116.1°E) 72 Hour (Saturday morning): 770 km West of Laoag City, Ilocos Norte (OUTSIDE PAR) (18.0°N, 113.3°E) 96 Hour (Sunday morning): 1,185 km West of Northern Luzon (OUTSIDE PAR) (18.0°N, 109.4°E) 	

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TROPICAL CYCLONE WIND SIGNAL				
TCWS	Luzon	Visayas	Mindanao	Impacts of the wind
1 (30-60 km/h winds prevailing or expected in 36 hours)	The western portion of Pangasinan (Bolinao, Anda, Bani, Agno, Alaminos City, Mabini, Burgos, Dasol, Sual, Labrador, Infanta)	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very light or no damage to low risk structures, Light damage to medium to high risk structures Slight damage to some houses of very light materials or makeshift structures in exposed communities. Some banana plants are tilted, a few downed and leaves are generally damaged Twigs of small trees may be broken. Rice crops, however, may suffer significant damage when it is in its flowering stage.
TCWS #1 and #2 in other areas are now lifted.				
The public and the disaster risk reduction and management council concerned are advised to take appropriate actions and watch for the next Severe Weather Bulletin to be issued at 5 PM today.				

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